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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**ELECTRONICALLY EXPIRING DEVICE**

5       The present invention relates to a method and system  
for expiring a device after a predetermined time period  
has elapsed. A device, which contains its own internal  
time cell, is designed to stop working or self-destruct  
after a predetermined time period has expired. The  
10 device uses its own time cell so that the elapsed time  
period is not altered through an external time source.  
After the predetermined time period has elapsed, the  
device or a component of the device self-destructs when  
connected to a power source.